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Inmate Death at FMC Devens

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Wednesday, May 20, 2020, inmate Robert Herndon tested positive for COVID-19 and was immediately placed in isolation at the Federal Medical Center (FMC) Devens in Ayer, Massachusetts. On Tuesday, May 25, 2020, he was evaluated by institutional medical staff due to the inability to maintain sufficient oxygen, a fever and respiratory failure. He was transported to a local hospital for further evaluation and treatment. Mr. Herndon's condition quickly declined and he was placed on a ventilator on Wednesday, May 27, 2020. On Tuesday, June 2, 2020, Mr. Herndon, who had long-term, pre-existing medical conditions, which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced dead by hospital staff.

Mr. Herndon was a 62 year-old male who received a mental health commitment by court order. He had been in custody at FMC Devens since January 17, 2007.

FMC Devens is an Administrative security facility that currently houses 1,004 male offenders.

The Bureau of Prisons will continue to provide daily updates and information on actions related to COVID-19 at www.bop.gov/coronavirus/index.jsp.

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